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**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0831i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☒ Other _____b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003 and as agreed to during the telephonic interview between the examiner and John Rogitz on October 28, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows to overcome the cited art. It is understood that a supplemental search may be conducted, but that the amendments below patentably distinguish the claims over the art currently of record.

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